



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

March 2023 Newsletter

SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

March at a Glance

Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 17th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Eco Group
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting
Tuesday 21st	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St Albans/St. Andrews

Dates for your diary

March 19th		Congregational Meeting
April 2nd	10.00am	Palm Sunday
April 6th	6.00pm	Maundy Thursday
April 7th	10.00am	Good Friday
April 9th	10.00am	Easter Sunday

Friday Fun Night

FUN FRIDAY CRAFT NIGHT EVENT

6 pm. Friday March 17th at

31 Douglass St Herne Hill

Come and help create recyclable alternatives to paper towels, put together pedestals for them to sit on. and do other fun craft stuff to help preserve our planet.

Please bring:

- ◇ Good quality flannelette, new or used.
- ◇ Overlockers
- ◇ Irons, ironing boards, scissors, etc.
- ◇ cardboard tubes
- ◇ Any old broom handles that we can cut up for the pedestals.
- ◇ Bring Food to share!

And featuring the band:

"Won't Back Down"

This promises to be a great night. Curious?

Call Bruce on 0491663514!

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Sacrededge Festival Launch

We would be delighted if you could join us for the Sacrededge Festival Launch

5pm Wednesday March 22

Learn about the many Presenters and Performers
First Nations, Refugee, LGBTIQ+, Climate Scientists, Carers for the Earth

Hear about the Tamil Feast, Art Exhibition

Enjoy Wine & Cheese

Launch at 5pm

Followed by Community Meal

All Welcome!

2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Western Heights AGM will be held after the service on **Sunday 19th March**.

Could all reports be given to Jan in the office no later than Sunday 26th February 2023.

Lynda Scott

Congregational Secretary

Blister Packs

Once again we are sorry blister packs are no longer able to be accepted at church.

Parental/Guardian Permission To Photograph or Video Children

In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

World Day of Prayer

The Geelong Committee for the World Day of Prayer, would like to invite you to a Service on **Friday 3 of March**, at Wesley Uniting Church; 100 Yarra St., Geelong at **11am**.

We look forward to welcoming you to this ecumenical service, which has been organised by the people of Taiwan.

ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTIVE SERVICE

Led by Rhonda Dingle and Jan Taylor



Clean-up Australia Day

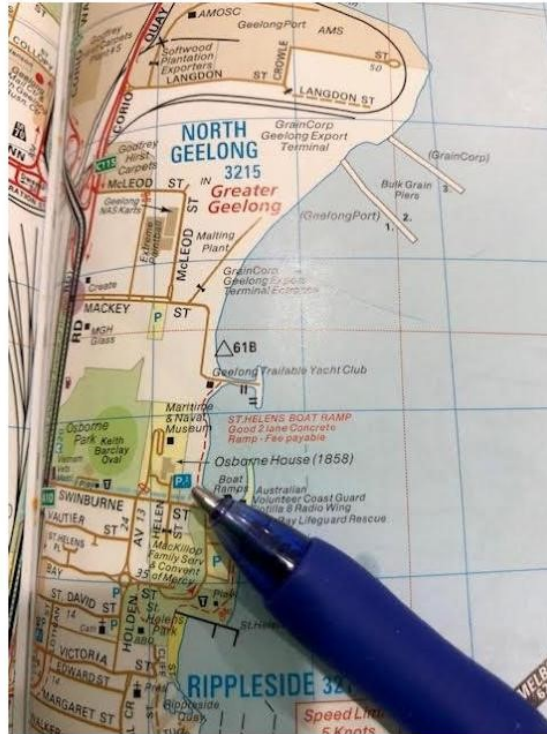
5th March

(This part of Clean Up Australia organised by Western Heights, Wesley and Belmont UCAs)

Meet up here at 1.45
(Osborne House carpark)

Bring along:

- Old tongs
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Bring your own mug for coffee/tea takeaway at 3pm at the Picker's Union Café.



PROVIDED

* Bags

* Gloves

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Ash Wednesday Reflective Service:
22nd February 2023 @ 7:00pm

Palm Sunday:
2nd April 2023 @ 10am

Maundy Thursday:
6th April 2023 @ 6:00pm (Agape Meal)

Good Friday:
7th April 2023 @ 10am (Stations of the Cross Reflective Service)

Easter Sunday:
9th April 2023 @ 10am

All are welcome.

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Our Lent and Holy Week display board is finally up.

We would like to thank Hayeswinckle for suppling the display board to advertise the times and dates of our Lent and Holy Week services.



Dear Artists & Creatives (and Contacts of artists & creatives :)

The 2023 Sacrededge Art Exhibition will be exhibited at the Queenscliff Uniting Church during the 2023 Sacrededge Festival May 5-7, and then through until May 21.

If you are an artist, you are warmly encouraged to consider participating in the Sacrededge Art Exhibition, and to complete the Expression of Interest Form attached. Also <https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/portfolio/art-exhibition/>

Your art might reflect on the First Nations, Refugee, LGBTIQ+, Wellbeing, Sustainability themes of the festival. Or how your art practice supports inclusivity and wellbeing for you and the wider community.

Info and news about the Festival is [here](#)

We're especially excited about the 2023 festival. It marks **10 years** of Sacrededge, a huge milestone for us. Thirty-plus artists and presenters will be coming to this celebratory festival, including Irish Poet **Padraig O'Tuama**, songbird and folkloric explorer, **Kavisha Mazzella**, and Indigenous Musician **Lydia Fairhall**.

The three-day event provides an opportunity to nurture connection with people from diverse backgrounds. Sacrededge brings together musicians, poets, storytellers and artists from Indigenous, refugee and LGBTIQ communities, along with carers for the earth and oceans, and advocates of wholistic wellbeing. The festival is a safe place for people from the edge to be welcomed, heard and celebrated for who they are in all their glorious diversity.

Sacrededge fosters opportunities to hear stories, share music and present art as a way to overcome fear. Concerts, workshops, all-age activities, discussion panels and speakers, a public Labyrinth, poetry, storytelling, and time for spiritual nurturing are all part of the full weekend program. The Art Exhibition is part of the Festival, with the official opening on the Saturday evening of the Festival.

Please feel very welcome to submit an Expression of Interest for this exhibition by Friday March 24. Also <https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/portfolio/art-exhibition/>

Also, please let other artists and artistic networks know about this exhibition.

Tickets for **May 5-7 2023 Sacrededge Festival "A Heart for Diversity"** are on sale now!

A limited number of "2nd Release" Early Bird Weekend tickets \$169 are still available, but only until next TUESDAY FEB 28 (unless sold out prior)

Prices increase March 1st

The Festival full weekend program runs FRI 5pm-10pm, SAT 10am-10pm, SUN 10am-4pm. You can check out the evolving Line Up on the website.

Interested in Volunteering during the festival weekend? We'd love to hear from you - Lots of information [here](#)

Keep up to date- follow Sacrededge on [Facebook](#)

Sacrededge is our response to a sometimes harsh and fearful world. It is an opportunity to connect with people from diverse backgrounds. Rather than debate and argue about issues Q&A style, this unique festival listens to people from the edge... their stories, music, poetry.

Our presenters, artists & performers come from a range of backgrounds – Indigenous, Refugee, LGBTIQ folk, Carers for the Earth and Ocean. They are the voices from the edge who are vulnerable and not normally heard.

With a bunch of people from different spiritual traditions and none, people who love stories, justice, ideas, music and the arts, community is created.

Sacrededge is a lived experience of how we can treasure each other in all our glorious diversity and find our hearts and minds expanded and enriched.

We can't wait to welcome everyone at 2023 Sacrededge!

<https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/sacrededge-festival/>

Eco Group Fun Night!

All welcome. The eco group is having a working bee fun night in the Horizons Room on **17th March at 6pm**. Our project will be to make fabric substitutes for paper towel, reusable of course! BYO food to share (savoury or sweet). Tea, coffee and games provided as well as musical entertainment from the band "Wont Back Down" Donations of new flannelette fabric, old broom handles and cardboard tube (longer than 20cm) would be appreciated. If you have a 4 thread overlocker please see Joan. Speak to Joan Walker or Bruce Waldron if you would like to be a part of the evening and help save the planet Joan 0437878187, Bruce 0491663514

Postcards to Commonwealth Bank

Many of you will remember supporting the Uniting Church's project of sending postcards to the Commonwealth Bank re all the money they are investing in fossil fuel extraction. You filled out the cards and left them with me.

Here's what happened:

Sue Strong and I delivered a wad of those postcards (about the Commonwealth Bank's \$16 Billion they've invested or loaned to fossil fuel extraction since 2016) from a few of the UCA's in in Geelong; Sue had wrapped them up in a pretty little bowed ribbon. We gave them to Stacey, the manager of the Belmont Commonwealth Branch. It was a really pleasant meeting; she had little knowledge of the activity of the Commonwealth Bank re fossil fuel extraction financing and was a bit surprised. She said she would raise it at the Area Manager's Meeting, and since this is happening all over the country, we might just be part of making an impact. Well done all.

Coming soon

to Western Height Uniting Church

A COMMUNITY GARDEN



Watch this space

A Lenten Reflection with Maria Forde



"To be free we must be able to give up what is old and so answer God's will today and tomorrow" - *Ernst Käsemann*

We welcome back Maria Forde and we invite you to join the journey as she leads us on a Lenten reflection. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation we will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent.

Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer songwriter and liturgist.

Date: Sunday March 5, 2023 **Time:** 3.00pm

Place: St Mary's Basilica, Geelong **Cost:** \$5 pp
(followed by a "cuppa" in Café Light (approx. 4pm))

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

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Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

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With Love To The World

Used With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

Light Globes & Batteries

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

Milk Bottle Tops

We are collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the foyer for recycling.

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at **office@whuc.com.au**